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The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today released new statistics on jobs and wages based on Single Touch Payroll data from the Australian Taxation Office. The estimates in Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia provide additional information on the economic impact of COVID-19 and complement monthly Labour Force statistics.

The new data showed that between 14 March and 4 April (the three weeks after Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case) jobs decreased by 6.0%.

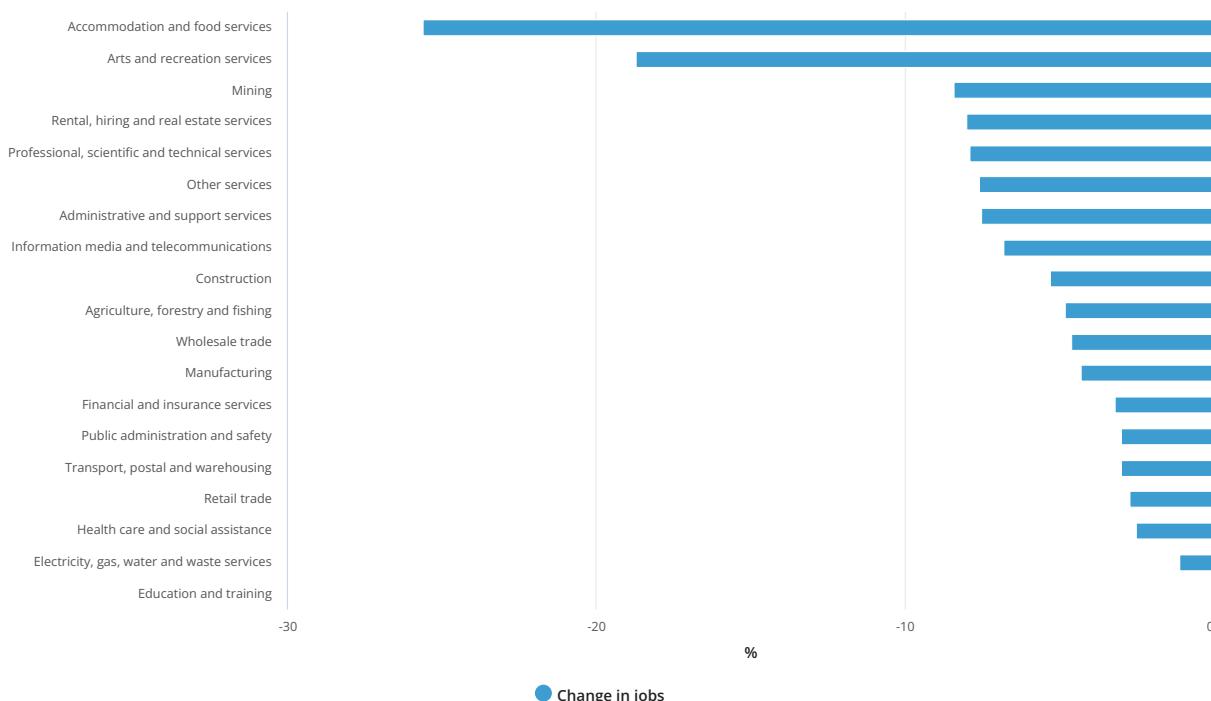
Head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, Bjorn Jarvis, said: "The largest impact of net job losses, in percentage terms, was for people aged under 20, for whom jobs decreased by 9.9%.

"Tasmania and Victoria had the largest decreases in jobs, down by 7.3% and 6.8%.

"The Accommodation and food services industry saw the largest reduction in jobs (decreasing by 25.6%), followed by the Arts and recreation services industry (decreasing by 18.7%)."

Total wages paid by businesses decreased by 6.7% over the period.

Changes in jobs between 14 March and 4 April, by industry



"Looking at the week-to-week changes, the decrease in jobs in the week ending 4 April 2020 was 5.5%, significantly larger than the 0.5% decrease in the week ending 28 March 2020," Mr Jarvis said.

Further information is available in *Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia* (cat. no. 6160.0.55.001).

The ABS would like to acknowledge the critical support from the Australian Taxation Office

in enabling the ABS to produce these statistics, which provide fresh weekly insights into the Australian labour market.

Media note

- This release includes information on employee jobs where a payment was made in the reference week through Single Touch Payroll enabled software and reported to the Australian Taxation Office.
- Approximately 99% of substantial employers (those with 20 or more employees) and 71% of small employers (19 or less employees) are currently reporting through Single Touch Payroll. Further information on the release can be found in the Methodology.
- Further information on the suite of labour statistics that provide insights into the impact of COVID-19 can be found in [Measuring the labour market impacts of COVID-19](https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Measuring%20Labour%20Market%20COVID19) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Measuring%20Labour%20Market%20COVID19>).
- The additional ABS products being published to understand the economic impact of the coronavirus can be found on the ABS [COVID-19 page](https://www.abs.gov.au/covid19). (<https://www.abs.gov.au/covid19>)
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